GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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WELFARE SCHEME FOR STS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any mechanism to monitor proper implementation of the schemes/programmes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes (STs) running throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the schemes/programmes are being jointly formulated/implemented by the Union Government and State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of people benefited therefrom;

(e) whether the Government has received complaints of misutilisation of funds allotted for these schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The mechanism followed to ensure proper implementation of the schemes/programmes for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes is as under :-

(i) The provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act are strictly followed;

(ii) Utilization Certificates are insisted upon as a pre-requisite for further release of funds;

(iii) Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained;

(iv) Central Government Officers undertake on the spot visits to the States/ Union Territories for ascertaining the progress of implementation of various schemes/programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs;

(v) Meetings/ Conferences are convened at the Central level with State Ministers and State Secretaries in charge of Tribal Welfare and Development Departments in the States to ensure timely submission of proposals, speed up of implementation of the schemes/programmes, and reviewing the physical and financial progress;

(vi) At the State and field level, bodies like the Tribal Advisory Council, Project Implementation Committees of ITDPs and Panchayat Samities also monitor timely spending of funds and effective implementation of the schemes/programmes.

(c) & (d): The schemes/programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are mostly formulated by State Governments but always implemented through the States/UTs. The funds are released to State/UT Governments who are required to ensure that the benefits of projects sanctioned under the schemes reach the beneficiaries. Data relating to the number of beneficiaries is not maintained in the Ministry.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir.

(i) Two instances of misutilisation in the State of Assam have came to the notice of this Ministry. The matter has been referred to the state Government for taking action;

(ii) Two instances of misutilisation of funds in ITDPs of Srisailam and Eturnagaram were reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh which is taking action in the matter;